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SUBJECT: PRG PRESIDENT NGUYEN HUU THO VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA

1. SUMMARY: FIVE-DAY VISIT BY PRG PRESIDENT THO AND FONMIN
BINH IS BEING TOUTED AS GREAT SUCCESS FOR NONALIGNED MOVEMENT.
PRG DELEGATION WELCOMED IN BELGRADE WITH FULL HONORS ACCORDED
CHIEF OF STATES. EFFUSIVE EMBRASE BY TITO AND ATTENDANCE IMPRESSIVE
ARRAY OF TOP YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING ALL MEMBERS BUT ONE
OF LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU, SIGNALS YUGOSLAV EFFORT TO LEGITIMIZE
PRG IN EYES OF NONALIGNED. THO MAKES EXTENSIVE REMARKS ON
INTERNAL PRG POLICY, STRESSING CONCILATION, NEED FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PRG CONTROLLED TERRITORIES.
END SUMMARY.

2. NGUYEN HUU THO, PRESIDENT OF PRG AND PRESIDENT OF PRESIDUM
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NLF CENTRAL COMMITTEE, COMPLETED, SEPTEMBER 21 HIS OFFICIAL FIVE-

DAY STATE VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AT INVITATION PRESIDENT TITO. THO WAS ACCOMPANIED THROUGHOUT VISIT BY PRG FONMIN NGYYEN THI BINH AND FONMIN OFFICIALS HO XUAN SONH, NGUYEN VAN DONG, AND PRG AMBASSADOR TO BELGRADE LAM VAN LU.

3. YUGOSLAVS PULLED OUT ALL STOPS TO PROVIDE FULL-BLOWN RECEPTION FOR THO AT BELGRADE AIRPORT ARRIVAL SEPTEMBER 17, INCLUDING LINE-UP OF LOCAL DIPLOMATIC CORPS NOT INCLUDING MOST WESTERN CHIEFS OF MILLION, AND ELABORATE MOTORCADE THROUGH FLAG AND SLOGAN WAVING BELGRADE CORWDS. OFFICIAL CO-HOSTS IN BELGRADE WERE MITJA RIBICIC, VICE PRESIDENT SFRY PRESIDENCY, AND STANE DOLANC, SECRETARY LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU. (TITO'S ABSENCE FROM BELGRADE FULLY IN KEEPING WITH NEW GOY POLICY OF CURTAILING SOMEWHAT PRESIDENT'S CEREMONIAL DUTIES.)

4. FOLLOWING GALA RECEPTION AT FEC EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 17, THO BEGAN OFFICIAL TALKS WITH RIBICIC AND DOLANC NEXT MORNING, FOLLOWED BY PARALLEL AFTERNOON TALKS BETWEEN MADAME BINH AND FONSEC MINIC. UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT BRIONI SEPTEMBER 20, THO WAS GREETED WITH WARM EMBRACE BY TITO AND IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OT TOP YUGOSLAV LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING KARDELJ, FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MIJALKO TODOROVIC, RIBICIC, MINIC AND 7 OF 8 MEMBERS OF LCY EXECUTIVE BUREAU (WHO LATER MET TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR 10TH LCY CONGRESS).

5. ACCORDING TO TANJUG, IN COURSE OF 3-HOUR TALKS DESCRIBED AS "OPEN AND EXHAUSTIVE", TITO AND THO TRADED VIEWS ON GENERAL INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, RESULTS OF NONALIGNED CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS, AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. TOTO AFFIRMED FULL GOY POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC AND ("WITHIN THE LIMITS OF OUR MEANS") MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PRG.

7. ACCORDING TO TANJUG, THO DESCRIBED THREE MAIN TAKS PRESENTLY FACING THE PRG:

---"STRICT RESPECT AND CONSISTENT CARRYING OUT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT
;

--- STRENGTHENING OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MATERIAL BASE OF THE LIBERATED TERRITORY; AND;

---FURTHER INTERNATIONAL AFFIRMATION OF THE PRG".
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8. DURING INTERVIEW ON TV, AFTER BLASTING THE US FOR ITS"BARBAROUS WAR ON VIETNAM", THO WENT ON TO SAY THAT SITUATION LEFT BY PARIS ACCORDS IN WHICH THERE ARE TWO "PARALLEL ADMINISTRATIONS" IN SVN IS ONLY TEMPORARY: "WE FORESEE QUICK SETTLEMENT OF SOUTH VIETNAM'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. WE STAND FOR ORGANIZING ELECTIONS TO BE FREE AND DEMOCRATIC SO AS TO GET A UNITED GOVERNMENT FORMED FOR WHOLE OF SVN. OTHERWISE, GIVEN

TENOR OF POLITICAL SOLUTIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARIS ACCORDS, SVN PEOPLE WOULD TRIUMPH AND MATERIALIZZE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION NO MATTER WHAT MANEUVERS AND OBSTACLES WOULD STAND IN WAY AS PUT UP BY AMERICANS AND THEIR FRIENDS".

9. EMBASSY OFFICERS HERE NOTED THAT SECURITY PRECAUTIONS TAKEN BY YUGOSLAVS IN BELGRADE TO PROTECT PRG VISITORS WERE MOST EXTENSIVE IN RECENT MEMORY. DURING COMINGS AND GOINGS, NUMBER OF RADSIDE MILITIA, FOLLOW CARS, AND MOTORCYCLES WERE EVEN LARGER THAN USUALLY ACCORDED WHEN TITO IS IN TOWN.

10. COMMENT: FOR THE YUGOSLAVS, THO VISIT UNDOUBTEDLY SERVED TO FOLLOW-UP TITO'S EFFORTS AT ALGIERS TO LEGITIMIZE PRG AS MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF NONALIGNED WORLD AS WELL AS TO GARNER FURTHER AID, SUPORT, AND DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION FOR PRG FROM NINALIGNED GOVERNMENTS. EFFUSIVE WELCOME AND MUTUAL EMBRACING ALSO PRESENTED TITO WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY ONE OF HIS FAVORITE ROLES -- PATRIARCH OF LEADERS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION STRUGGLES. THO RECIPROCATED BY PRAISING TITO AND STRESSING PRG POLICY OF CONCILIATION AND RECONSTRUCTION -- HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE STRUGGLE. DETAILS BY AIRGRAM. TOON UNQUOTE RUSH

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